

Cherokee Nation

Organization Description

The Cherokee Nation is the second largest Indian tribe in the United States with more than 200,000 tribal members. Almost 70,000 Cherokees reside in the 9,000 square mile area of the Cherokee Nation which is a tribal jurisdiction area (TJSA) that includes fourteen counties in north-eastern Oklahoma.

Project Description

The Cherokee Nation will provide a three year continuation program of training and technical assistance to help thirty churches and Cherokee community organizations (in the first year) to expand services, adopt model projects, and apply for grants.

Geographic Scope of Project

The tribal jurisdictional area (TJSA) consisting of 14 counties in NE Oklahoma.

Sub-Awards

The Cherokee Nation will issue 20 sub-awards: A total of \$256,000 will be given in sub-awards to 20 organizations annually. Sub-awards will be made to organizations with strong service history, particularly in prioritized areas of need which include: alcohol and drug abuse, diabetes prevention, prisoner re-entry, marriage and family counseling, and elderly services. Organizations selected will have basic management/book keeping skills, and/or those that are engaged in training to develop and practice financial management.

Project Objectives

Specific project objectives include:

1. Provide organizational development, grant writing, and other training and technical assistance to a minimum of 30 church and community organizations a year;
2. Provide individualized technical assistance to 30 organizations resulting in development of personnel and finance policies tailored to each organizations;
3. Train and assist 10 organizations in establishing nonprofit status;
4. Deliver and certify skills acquisition at levels one, two, and three competency for a minimum of 25 organizations for each level;
5. Measure gains in organizational capacity through a program evaluation.

Project Strategies

- Use existing tribal staff and cross train between expert accountants, grant writers, planners, model program providers, other experts, and tribal field staff who have regular contact with organizations and citizens in the field;
- Provide both workshops and individual, on-site technical assistance to community groups and churches while training community workers to conduct follow up after the end of the grant period;
- Set up a Web site with continually updated information, sample grant sections, grant opportunities and other information on securing and administering grants;

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- Purchase a computer, basic software, anti-virus program and a printer for each organization.

Grant Award Amount

\$724,080



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